

REMARKS

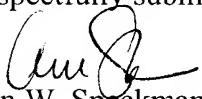
This Amendment and Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2006 and within the two-month time limit set for reply. This response is therefore timely filed and no fee is required.

The description of Fig. 2 on page 5 of the specification as filed has been amended to describe Figs 2A and 2B as shown in the drawings as filed. Fig. 2B is a continuation of Fig 2A, as shown. It is urged that this amendment is fully supported by the application as filed, and that no matter has been added.

Conclusion

Prosecution on the merits has been closed; claims 1 – 26 are allowed. In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early consideration and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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